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MORE CIGARETTES ON MARKET WITH LOW "TAR," NICOTINE
ACCORDING TO LATEST FTC CIGARETTE REPORT

The latest Federal Trade Commission report on cigarette content shows more brands with low "tar" and nicotine than when last tested.

According to the report, 157 of the 208 brands the FTC tested have no more than 15 milligrams of "tar," compared with 150 of the 200 brands tested in December 1981. There are six cigarettes that registered 0.5 milligrams or less of "tar" on the Commission's testing machine, down from 10 in December 1981.

More brands tested one milligram or less of nicotine - 145, up from 136 reported in 1981. Fewer showed 10 milligrams or less of carbon monoxide - 83, down two from the last report.

Samples tested for the current report came from two packages of each brand of cigarettes, purchased in 50 locations throughout the U.S. during December 1981 and February 1982.

Testing of the "tar" and nicotine content of cigarettes began in 1967. Carbon monoxide testing began in 1980.

A Federal Register notice announcing the test results is scheduled to be published Wednesday, March 30.

Copies of the "Report of 'Tar,' Nicotine and Carbon Monoxide of the Smoke of 208 Varieties of Domestic Cigarettes" can be obtained from the FTC's Public Reference Branch, Room 130, 6th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580; 202-523-3598; TTY 202-523-3638.

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